

Mr. BRAT. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 543 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BLACK). The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 254, nays 173, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 544]

YEAS—254

Abraham	Fortenberry	McClintock
Aderholt	Fox	McHenry
Allen	Franks (AZ)	McKinley
Amash	Frelinghuysen	McMorris
Amodei	Garrett	Rodgers
Ashford	Gibbs	McSally
Babin	Gibson	Meadows
Barletta	Gohmert	Meehan
Barr	Goodlatte	Messer
Barton	Gosar	Mica
Benishek	Gowdy	Miller (FL)
Bilirakis	Granger	Miller (MI)
Bishop (GA)	Graves (GA)	Mooleenaar
Bishop (MI)	Graves (LA)	Mooney (WV)
Bishop (UT)	Graves (MO)	Mullin
Black	Green, Gene	Mulvaney
Blackburn	Griffith	Murphy (PA)
Blum	Grothman	Neugebauer
Bost	Guinta	Newhouse
Boustany	Guthrie	Noem
Brady (TX)	Hanna	Nugent
Brat	Hardy	Nunes
Bridenstine	Harper	Olson
Brooks (AL)	Harris	Palazzo
Brooks (IN)	Hartzler	Palmer
Brown (VA)	Heck (NV)	Paulsen
Buchanan	Hensarling	Pearce
Buck	Herrera Beutler	Perry
Bucshon	Hice, Jody B.	Peterson
Burgess	Hill	Pitts
Byrne	Holding	Poe (TX)
Calvert	Huelskamp	Poliquin
Carter (GA)	Huizenga (MI)	Pompeo
Carter (TX)	Hultgren	Posey
Chabot	Hunter	Price, Tom
Chaffetz	Hurd (TX)	Ratcliffe
Clawson (FL)	Hurt (VA)	Reed
Coffman	Issa	Reichert
Cole	Jenkins (KS)	Renacci
Collins (GA)	Jenkins (WV)	Ribble
Collins (NY)	Johnson (OH)	Rice (SC)
Comstock	Johnson, Sam	Rigell
Conaway	Jolly	Roby
Cook	Jones	Roe (TN)
Cooper	Jordan	Rogers (AL)
Costa	Joyce	Rogers (KY)
Costello (PA)	Katko	Rohrabacher
Cramer	Kelly (MS)	Rokita
Crawford	Kelly (PA)	Rooney (FL)
Crenshaw	King (IA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Cuellar	King (NY)	Roskam
Culberson	Kinzinger (IL)	Ross
Curbelo (FL)	Kirkpatrick	Rothfus
Davis, Rodney	Kline	Rouzer
Denham	Knight	Royce
Dent	Labrador	Russell
DeSantis	LaHood	Ryan (WI)
DesJarlais	LaMalfa	Salmon
Diaz-Balart	Lamborn	Sanford
Dold	Lance	Scalise
Donovan	Latta	Schrader
Duffy	Long	Schweikert
Duncan (SC)	Loudermilk	Scott, Austin
Duncan (TN)	Love	Sensenbrenner
Ellmers (NC)	Lucas	Sessions
Emmer (MN)	Luetkemeyer	Shimkus
Farenthold	Lummis	Shuster
Fincher	MacArthur	Simpson
Fitzpatrick	Marchant	Smith (MO)
Fleischmann	Marino	Smith (NE)
Fleming	Massie	Smith (NJ)
Flores	McCarthy	Smith (TX)
Forbes	McCauley	Stefanik

Stewart
Stivers
Stutzman
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tiberi
Tipton
Trott
Turner
Upton
Valadao
Vela

Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walker
Walorski
Walters, Mimi
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Westmoreland
Whitfield

Williams
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yoder
Yoho
Young (AK)
Young (IA)
Young (IN)
Zeldin
Zinke

NAYS—173

Adams
Aguilar
Bass
Beatty
Becerra
Bera
Beyer
Blumenauer
Bonamici
Boyle, Brendan
F.

Brady (PA)
Brownley (CA)
Bustos
Butterfield
Capps
Capuano
Cardenas
Carney
Carson (IN)
Cartwright
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chu, Judy
Cicilline
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Clay
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly
Conyers
Courtney
Crowley
Cummings
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny
DeFazio
DeGette
Delaney
DeLauro
DeBene
DeSaulnier
Deutch
Doggett
Doyle, Michael
F.
Duckworth
Edwards
Ellison
Engel
Eshoo
Esty
Farr
Fattah
Foster
Frankel (FL)
Fudge
Gabbard
Gallego

Cleaver
Dingell
Hinojosa

Garamendi
Graham
Grayson
Green, Al
Grijalva
Gutiérrez
Hahn
Hastings
Heck (WA)
Higgins
Himes
Honda
Hoyer
Huffman
Israel
Jackson Lee
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson, E. B.
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilmer
Kind
Kuster
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lawrence
Lee
Levin
Lewis
Lieu, Ted
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loebuck
Lofgren
Lowenthal
Lowey
Lujan Grisham
(NM)
Lujan, Ben Ray
(NM)
Lynch
Maloney,
Carolyn
Maloney, Sean
Matsui
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McNerney
Meeks
Meng
Moore
Moulton
Murphy (FL)
Nadler

NOT VOTING—7

Hudson
Payne
Pittenger

□ 1630

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION DAY IN VENEZUELA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, last month in Venezuela, the president

of the national association of opposition mayors issued a message to the international community—including here in the United States, obviously—stating many of the obstacles being faced leading up to Venezuela's legislative elections, which are scheduled to take place on December 6.

According to their statement, Venezuelan regime employees are obligated and harassed to attend public events to demonstrate support for pro-regime candidates. Socialist Party militants are dispatched to intimidate voters under the guise of assistance. And the Maduro regime is using military forces to keep citizens from voluntarily auditing electoral precincts, as it is stated by law.

As the Maduro regime continues to refuse allowing international monitors, the United States must be even more vigilant of the threat of the fraud before and during election day in Venezuela.

We should also be ready to sanction any regime official who perpetuates human rights violations because of this electoral process.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA NATIONAL DAY AND HO FENG-SHAN

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Taiwan's National Day, or Double Tenth Day, on Saturday, October 10.

Taiwan and the United States have shared a close relationship since passage of the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979. With deep trade ties and close security cooperation between our two countries, Taiwan is going to be an important regional and global actor and friend to the United States.

One famous diplomat from the Republic of China, Mr. Ho Feng-Shan, perfectly embodied the bravery and the heroism of so many in this country. Mr. Ho, consul general in Vienna during Nazi occupation, defied orders from his superiors and issued hundreds of visas to Jews who, without his efforts, would have been forbidden from leaving Austria and would likely have fallen victim to Hitler's plans to exterminate the Jews.

For his selfless and courageous actions, he rightfully earned the title of Righteous Among the Nations from the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum.

Please join me in celebrating Taiwan's National Day and paying tribute to Mr. Ho's sacrifices and actions.

LIFT CRUDE OIL EXPORT BAN

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, with just one change in the law, we could create nearly 400,000 American jobs, potentially help lower gas prices, and

exert soft power that keeps bad actors around the world from destabilizing the price of oil. That change would be lifting the ban on crude oil exports.

With all of these benefits for America, it makes sense that we should embrace that change and put it on the President's desk right away. The export ban is a relic of the past that needs to be lifted to help establish the United States as a preeminent energy leader in the world.

The United States is the only country in the world that has a ban on exporting oil. With countries like Iran and Russia flexing their muscle on the world stage, lifting the ban would help enhance both our energy and our national security. But even more than that, removing the crude oil export ban means helping our economy with more good-paying jobs for hardworking Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to lift the crude oil export ban.

HONORING HO FENG-SHAN

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Republic of China on Taiwan's National Day and recognize the heroism of Ho Feng-Shan, a Chinese diplomat stationed in Vienna during World War II. At great risk to his own life, Feng-Shan issued thousands of Chinese visas to Jews, allowing them to escape Nazi camps. Ho Feng-Shan's courage is just one example of the Republic of China's proud heritage celebrated on National Day.

A vital U.S. trading partner, Taiwan helps maintain peace and stability in the western Pacific and shares our values for freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights. Rooted in our history of mutual interests and common goals, the U.S.-Taiwanese relationship will continue to flourish.

I pay tribute to Ho Feng-Shan and wish the people of Taiwan a happy National Day.

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

(Mr. HONDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, next week marks the 18th annual international Earth Science Week. Today I am introducing a House resolution to recognize Earth Science Week to highlight the importance and broad impact of earth science research.

Geoscientists and researchers in our country continually push the frontier of human knowledge; help develop and incubate the concepts and programs that keep us at the innovative forefront of the world's economy; and inspire future generations of researchers, scientists, and informed citizens. Earth science funding is a stimulant to the American economy and an investment into our future global leadership.

The devastating drought in my home State of California highlights the need for earth science research, which can address major gaps in our understanding of water availability, quality, and dynamics. Having a better understanding of natural systems allows for more informed policy.

I am committed to working with my friend and fellow science advocate, Chairman CULBERSON, to ensure that Federal earth science research is given robust support and is not hindered by misguided legislation that micromanages and places funding caps on these critical fields. It is critical that we study and understand our "pale blue dot," our one and only home.

REMEMBERING SENIOR AIRMAN QUINN JOHNSON-HARRIS

(Ms. MOORE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to mourn the six servicemembers and five civilians killed in the recent crash of an Air Force transport plane in Afghanistan. Yesterday, the House held a moment of silence to mark their sacrifice.

One of those who died was Senior Airman Quinn Johnson-Harris, whose family now calls Milwaukee, Wisconsin, their home. He and his fallen comrades join the list of the 2,300 heroes who have given their lives in Afghanistan.

As a Member of Congress, there is no more difficult moment in our jobs than this. My heart and prayers go out to family.

There is no question that Quinn made our community in Milwaukee stronger and our Nation safer because of his service. This young man made a difference wherever he went. I hear it in the stories that have come out after his death from his family, his friends, his teachers, and others about his dedication to them and his country.

His mother said: "Quinn dared to be different. He beat by his own drum."

When his family, community, or country called, this young man stood up and did not shrink back. According to his sister, when she heard he was being deployed to Afghanistan, "he was ready to go," and this surprised no one.

He came from a military family. His grandfather served in Vietnam. His older brother was a marine, and another older brother is a 2015 graduate of West Point and is in the Army.

Mr. Speaker, I join his family, his friends, and his fellow servicemen in mourning his life, yet celebrating the life of this young hero, Senior Airman Quinn Johnson-Harris.

MEDICARE PREMIUM FAIRNESS ACT

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, without congressional action, Medicare premiums and deductibles will increase in 2016 by 52 percent for an estimated 7.5 million American seniors and people with disabilities. Because these folks will not be receiving a Social Security cost of living adjustment for 2016, 30 percent of beneficiaries will not be held harmless, and their premiums will increase from \$104 to \$159 per month.

To stop rates from increasing, I have introduced the Medicare Premium Fairness Act, which will protect seniors and people with disabilities by capping premiums at 2015 levels for a year. I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this important legislation.

Seniors in our communities worked hard all their lives and saw our country through a war, Depression, and dramatic social change. At a time when every dollar counts, this critical legislation will ensure that seniors can put food on the table and buy lifesaving medication.

So let's stand up for America's seniors.

□ 1645

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BABIN). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

Mrs. BLACK, Tennessee

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 451 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Pub. L. 113-128), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following individual on the part of the House to the National Council on Disability:

Lt. Colonel Daniel M. Gade, Ph.D., New Windsor, New York

THE PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New Jersey?